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The Honorable Daniel R. Elliott, III  
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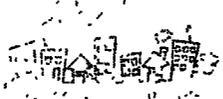
Re: Docket No. AB-1036, *The City of Chicago, Illinois -- Adverse Abandonment -- Chicago Terminal Railroad in Chicago, IL*

Dear Chairman Elliott:

I am writing in my capacity as Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Transportation of the City of Chicago ("the City") in connection with the above-captioned adverse abandonment proceeding. The City had initiated this adverse abandonment proceeding as part of its effort to redevelop as an attractive residential and commercial neighborhood what had previously been a blighted industrial area. Towards this end, the City has secured funds to acquire the subject street trackage and right-of-way of the railroad carrier, the Chicago Terminal Railroad ("CTM"). Upon acquisition, the City is prepared to begin the bidding and contracting work necessary for track removal and street repairs that will be possible once such acquisition is consummated.

As you may recall, the City reached an amicable settlement with CTM whereby the City will purchase the railroad's in-street trackage and terminate CTM's easement and use rights subject to this abandonment once the Board approves the City's application. Accordingly, CTM withdrew its protest and both parties asked the Board to promptly issue a decision granting the abandonment request. The record for public comments in this proceeding has now closed and the only other party filing comments, Andrew Morris, submitted his views on March 18.

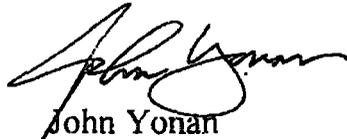
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Both the City and CTM believe the issues for consideration before the Board are very straightforward. The City is anxious to move ahead with the track removal and street repairs. CTM is equally anxious to receive the funds being paid in consideration as part of the parties' settlement agreement to and use them for other purposes.

Accordingly, the City and CTM respectfully request that the Board issue a decision approving the abandonment on or before May 30, 2010, effective upon service.

Respectfully submitted,



John Yonan  
Deputy Commissioner  
City of Chicago  
Department of Transportation

cc: All parties